

Application No. 10/685,776  
Amendment dated November 29, 2005

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 4D. This sheet, which includes Figs. 4A, 4B, and 4D, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 4A, 4B, and 4D. In Fig. 4D, a cross-section of a hollow tubular member has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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**REMARKS**

The amendment to Fig. 4D and the paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15 is supported at least by claim 23 as originally filed. A copy of claim 23 as originally filed is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Applicant respectfully brings to the Examiner's attention that according to MPEP § 2163(I)(B), "[t]he claims as filed in the original specification are part of the disclosure...." (MPEP § 2163(I)(B) (May 2004); see also, MPEP § 608.01(I) "Original Claims" (May 2004)).

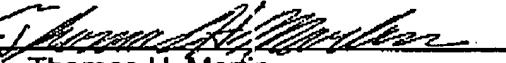
Entry and consideration of this Amendment prior to the examination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account 50-1068.

Respectfully submitted,

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